GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4428
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2001
THREE YEARS DIPLOMA COURSE
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Medical Council has refused to recognise the three years diploma course in Medical and Surgery proposed by the State Government of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken/proposed to provide health care facilities to the people of remote areas where qualified doctors generally refuse to go?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): The Medical Council of India has not so far received any proposal from the Government of Chattisgarh for recognising the three year diploma course in medicine and surgery. However, with reference to a News Item that appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 24th November, 2000 relating to the proposal of the Chattisgarh Government to introduce a three year medical course, the Government of Chattisgarh have been informed by the Medical Council of India that the Council is not in favour of recognising courses of shorter duration than prescribed in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997 which is5-1/2 years for the MBBS course including one year compulsory rotating internship./

(c): Since the appointment and postings of doctors is entirely the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations, the State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised to take appropriate steps to fill up the vacancies of doctors in rural areas including the following steps to meet the shortage of doctors in rural and remote areas:

- To resort to decentralized recruitment of doctors.
- To appoint doctors on contract basis, wherever feasible.
- To improve infrastructural facilities for doctors and remove their hardhips.
- To take steps to fill up vacancies of Specialists in CHCs and Medical Officers in PHCs by making rural service obligatory for 3 years.
- To reserve 25% of postgraduate seats in Medical Colleges, for in-service candidates who have worked in rural areas for at least three years with a bond that they will serve the Government for at least five years.